

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented) A seal element for use in a packer deployed in a well, comprising:

- a support sleeve;
- a sealing layer at least partially enclosing the support sleeve; and
- a tube comprising slots, the tube adapted to radially extend against the support sleeve to press the sealing layer against a wall enclosing the packer to establish a sealing contact between the sealing layer and the wall.

26. (Previously Presented) The seal element of claim 25, wherein the slots comprise helical slots.

27. (Previously Presented) The seal element of claim 25, wherein the tube is adapted to expand when compressed axially.

28.-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A seal element usable with a packer, comprising:

- a support sleeve;
- a sealing layer at least partially enclosing the support sleeve;
- a bow adapted to remain retracted while the packer is run into a well and radially extend against the support sleeve to press the sealing layer against a wall that encloses the packer to form a sealing contact between the sealing layer and the wall; and
- a wedge adapted to engage the bow to radially extend the bow.